

REMARKS

In the subject Notice, Applicant's amendment filed on August 19, 2004 was deemed non-compliant because the status of claim 27 was not properly labeled. Applicant resubmits herewith a new formality complying version of the earlier submitted amendment. In the new version, claim 27 has been properly labeled as a "new" claim. Beyond that, the two versions are otherwise identical.

Accordingly, claims 1-7 and 9-15 have been amended; claims 17-24 have been canceled and claims 25-32 have been added. Thus, claims 1-16 and 25-32 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-16 and 25-32 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any shortages or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,
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